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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (USAO), dated July 5, 2005, concerning your concerns about the manner in which that Office (USAO) handled an investigation into alleged illegal contributions by Thomas Noe to the 2004 Bush-Cheney campaign. We apologize for any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

We are advised that the Lucas County Prosecutor began a preliminary investigation into this matter in March, 2004 and referred the results of her preliminary investigation to the USAO's Toledo office on October 13, 2004. Based upon the Department's long-standing policy regarding pending matters, it would not be appropriate to provide the additional information you requested. We want to assure you, however, that this matter has been, and will continue to be, pursued in a prompt, professional, and impartial manner.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department if we can be of assistance in any other matter.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
Chairman